

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:739

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AREA OF LAND UNDER CULTIVATION OF BANANA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land in hectares under cultivation of Banana in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Banana is exported from the country;
- (c) if so, the names of countries to whom it is exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned;
- (d) whether the Government propose to formulate any concrete action plan to promote cultivation of Banana in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a): The state-wise details of area under cultivation of banana is given in the statement at Annexure-I
- (b) & (c): The names of the countries to whom banana is being exported along with the value of exports is given in the statement at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e): The Government have been promoting the cultivation of banana through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated Development of Fruits. From October, 2000 the Scheme has been amalgamated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. Under this scheme the State Governments can priorities their activities and allocate the funds as per the potential and requirement in the Work Plans. Besides, assistance is being extended through the National Horticulture Board (NHB) under their scheme on Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management. A National Research Centre on Banana has been established under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at Trichi to work exclusively on banana, which is providing research support for promoting banana cultivation in the country.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEWISE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF BANANA DURING 1999-2000

State/UTs. Area (Hectares)

Andhra Pradesh	49000
Assam	42000
Bihar	29000
Gujrat	34000
Karnataka	61000
Kerala	28000
Maharashtra	72000
Orissa	16000
Tamil Nadu	92000
West Bengal	19000
Others	50000

Total 491000

ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHOM BANANA WAS EXPORTED DURING 1999-2000 AND VALUE THEREOF

Country	Value of export (Rupees)
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AUSTRALIA	77,696
BAHRAIN	1,11,29,843
BANGLADESH	4,41,382
BELGIUM	2,89,898
BULGARIA	13,136
CANADA	12,64,335
DENMARK	14,438
FRANCE	2,00,424
GERMANY	1,24,726
GIBRALTAR	22,990
ITALY	17,065
JORDAN	14,458
KUWAIT	67,13,988
MALASIA	7,24,814
MALDIVES	11,00,013
MALI	37,901
MALTA	44,306
NETHARLANDS	1,46,50,271
OMAN	66,47,873
PARAGUAY	10,993
QATQR	91,86,787
RUSSIA	17,14,536
RWANDA	12,99,130
SAUDI AREBIA	1,45,00,999
SINGAPORE	2,67,801
SPAIN	2,06,600
SUDAN	1,90,252
SWITZERLAND	34,263
THIALAND	2,07,264
TOGO	30,660
U.A.E.	493,22,644
U.K.	1,15,894
U.S.A.	74,08,292
YAMEN ARAB REPUBLIC	55,248

TOTAL	12,80,80,920
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